

Transitional Words and Phrases

Type of transition	Examples		
Addition	furthermore also in addition further besides first	moreover in the second place even more last, lastly and, or, nor second, secondly, etc.	too again next finally
Time	while after when meanwhile meantime during until now next then simultaneously so far subsequently	immediately later, earlier soon sometimes afterwards following at length this time	never always whenever in the now, once
Place	here to there neighboring on nearby below	beyond wherever opposite to	adjacent above,
Exemplification or Illustration	to illustrate to demonstrate specifically for instance	as an illustration e.g., (for example) for example	
Comparison	in the same way by the same token similarly	in like manner likewise in similar fashion	
Contrast	yet and yet however nevertheless nonetheless otherwise after all	on the contrary in contrast notwithstanding on the other hand at the same time	but though

Clarification	that is to say in other words to explain i.e., (that is)	to clarify to rephrase it to put it another way	
Cause	because since	on account of for that reason	
Effect	therefore consequently accordingly	thus hence as a result	
Purpose	in order that so that	to that end, to this end for this purpose	
Qualification	almost nearly probably	perhaps maybe although	never always frequently
Intensification	indeed to repeat by all means of course	undoubtedly in fact surely in fact	doubtedly certainly without doubt yes, no
Concession	to be sure is true	granted	of course, it
Summary	to summarize in sum	in short in summary	in brief to sum up
Conclusion	in conclusion	to conclude	finally
Demonstratives acting as transitions	this those	these that	
Pronouns serving as links to clearly refer to a specific word or phrase	his its theirs	her they our	it their your